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## **MEDIA ALERT**

### **City of New Haven and Vital Strategies, Inc Announce Partnership to Address Overdose Epidemic**

NEW HAVEN, Conn. – Today, November 24, 2020, at 12:00 PM, Vital Strategies and the City of New Haven will announce a partnership to address the Overdose Epidemic. The initiative will be overseen by the Community Services Administration and build on resources made available to the Health Department as part of the federal “[Overdose Data to Action](#)” grant. To spearhead a City-wide effort for reducing the rising number of overdose deaths, New Haven’s Harm Reduction task force will receive new leadership from Christine Rodriguez, a noted harm reduction expert. As Task Force Coordinator, Rodriguez will be working with the Director of the Community Services Administration (CSA) for the City of New Haven, Dr. Mehul Dalal, in a position supported by a partnership with public health organization Vital Strategies. The press briefing will be held virtually on Zoom and live streamed on the [Mayor’s YouTube Channel](#).

#### **The City of New Haven Announces Overdose Epidemic Task Force**

*Mayor Justin Elicker, Dr. Mehul Dalal, Christine Rodriguez, Dionna King, Beatrice Codianni*

*Tuesday, November 24, 2020*

*Zoom Conferencing*

*12:00 PM*

**For those with disabilities** that need accommodation for effective communication at this event or materials in alternate formats, please indicate in your RSVP what type of accommodation you are requesting. Or you may email our ADA coordinator, Michelle Duprey, directly at [mduprey@newhavenct.gov](mailto:mduprey@newhavenct.gov) to make your request.

**If you would like to view the briefing, reply to RSVP for an invitation.**

**About Vital Strategies:**

Vital Strategies is a global health organization that believes every person should be protected by a strong public health system. They work with governments and civil society in 73 countries to design and implement evidence-based strategies that tackle their most pressing public health problems. Vital Strategies' goal is to see states, cities, and communities adopt promising interventions at scale as rapidly as possible.

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